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City Moves Forward With the Demolition and Remediation of the Former Elco Dress Factory

New Bedford, Massachusetts-The City of New Bedford is moving forward with the second and final phase of the demolition and remediation of the former Elco Dress factory site. The City has awarded the demolition contract to North American Site Developers Inc., (NASDI), a Massachusetts company founded in 1976, which provides comprehensive demolition, environmental remediation and investment recovery nationwide. The Elco Dress building, previously determined by engineers to be "in poor structural condition," is located on Church and Collette Streets in New Bedford.

The demolition work is being conducted in accordance with specifications developed by the engineering firm of Tighe and Bond, Inc., also under contract with the City of New Bedford. Tighe and Bond is a reputable engineering firm specializing in demolition design of industrial, municipal, commercial and institutional buildings. Tighe and Bond will assist the City of New Bedford in overseeing the demolition to ensure compliance with the contract specifications. "This is a major step in the citywide effort to rid our neighborhoods of abandoned and blighted properties. I look forward to dramatically changing the landscape here in a way that the neighboring property owners will be pleased with," said New Bedford Mayor Scott W. Lang.

Prior to any demolition, the contractor will safely remove any remaining asbestos. NASDI will also be responsible for removing and safely disposing of potentially hazardous materials and oil storage tanks in the basement of the building. The contract with NASDI requires that it strictly adhere to specifications designed to minimize the impact of the project on the neighborhood. These specifications include implementing measures to control dust during the project, securing the site, as well as adhering to strict health and safety procedures. Work hours on the project will be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

State Representative Robert M. Koczera has been instrumental in securing \$550,000 in state grant funding from the Massachusetts Department of Business and Technology and the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to support this project. "The demolition of the former Elco factory is an important public safety and economic development initiative. Demolishing and cleaning

up the Elco site improves the neighborhood and provides opportunities to develop the site for jobs or housing, adding revenue to the city's tax rolls,” said Rep. Koczera. The Representative’s efforts enabled the City to conduct the initial phase of the project, the pre-demolition inspection and cleanup of hazardous materials at the site. Last year, contractors removed asbestos, an underground storage tank, and other potential hazardous material from the building.



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